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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/971,765; Filed: October 9, 2001  
For: A Method and Apparatus for a Common-Cause Failure Module for  
Probabilistic Risk Assessment Tools  
Inventors: Franciscus J. GROEN *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1797.0510000

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated November 8, 2001, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Original Declaration, executed by the inventors;
4. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
5. Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) with a copy of the Assignment attached;
6. Small Entity Status Form;
7. One (1) return postcard; and

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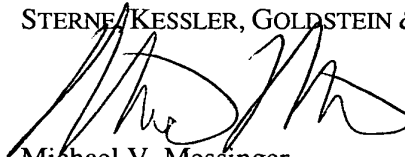
8. Our check no. 33693 for \$615.00 to cover:  
    \$370.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16);  
    \$180.00 Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16); and  
    \$ 65.00 Surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16).

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



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Enclosures

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<div style="text-align: center;"><b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>for FY 2002</b></div> <p>Patent fees are subject to annual revision.</p>		<b>Complete if Known</b>		
		Application Number	09/971,765	
		Filing Date	October 9, 2001	
		First Named Inventor	Franciscus J. GROEN	
		Examiner Name	To Be Assigned	
		Group Art Unit	2184	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		615.00	Attorney Docket No.	1797.0510000

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)		FEE CALCULATION (continued)					
<b>1.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to:  Deposit Account Number: 19-0036 Deposit Account Name: Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.  <input type="checkbox"/> Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS See 37 CFR 1.27		<b>3. ADDITIONAL FEES</b> Large Entity Small Entity					
<b>2.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment Enclosed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other* *Charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments in the fees or fee calculations of Parts 1, 2 and 3 below to Deposit Account No. 19-0036.		Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee paid
		105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	65.00
		127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
		147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
		112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
		113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
		116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
		117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
		118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
		128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
		119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
		120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
		138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
		142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
		143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
		144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
		122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
		123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
		126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
		149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
		179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
		169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
		Other fee (specify):					
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		*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					
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108 740	208 370
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES	
Extra	Fee from below
Total Claims 26 - 20** = 6	X 9.00 = 54.00
Indep. Claims 6 - 3** = 3	X 42.00 = 126.00
Multiple Dependent	=
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103 18	203 9
102 84	202 42
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<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>		<b>Complete (if applicable)</b>			
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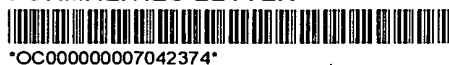
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$180.
  - \$54 for 6 total claims over 20.
  - \$126 for 3 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 615.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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